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The current settlement of the Microsoft case is a travesty.

Since becoming a monopoly, Microsoft has almost continuously ignored antitrust law against anticompetitive behavior. When caught and tried, they deny the obvious. After agreeing to cease the anticompetitive behavior they carry on as before. They have shown negligible effort at compliance and continue to operate against consumer interest and consumer choice. If anything, they have extended this approach beyond their traditional software market into other markets of Internet and media commerce.

I do not think that a remedy which falls short of structurally modifying the company will work. Microsoft will go on as usual and destroy more companies. In so doing they will continue to chant the false mantra that they are "innovating" and being punished for that. They should be broken up, Windows code should be opened up to the competition and they should not be allowed to leverage their current monopoly into new ones.

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